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## 24th Annual Restoration - A Great Success!

SUBMITTED BY **WENDY WILLIFORD**

Saturday, October 18, was the celebration of the 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Restoration of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians to federally recognized status. Welcoming remarks came from Bob Garcia, Tribal Council Chairman, followed by an invocation by Carolyn Slyter, Tribal Council Member, that highlighted the accomplishments of the past and future work to be done by the tribes along with blessings of family and friends. Edgar Bowen gave a moving speech that honored Esther Stutzman for her dedication to our Tribes and help with restoration. Following her surprise, Esther treated the audience with some storytelling.

During Restoration this year we celebrated our success at getting Gregory Point/Chief's Island restored back to the Tribes. President Bush signed PL 110-364 transferring this culturally significant land back to us on October 8, 2008. While this transfer can take



up to 5 years, the bill says that it will again be ours. This accomplishment is especially nice when comparing the speeches during last year's Restoration that promised to include language in the Senate/House to get the land restored to the Tribes. Guest speakers included a representative from Congressman Peter Defazio's office, Senator Gordon Smith's office and Senator Ron Wyden's office, offering their congratulations on the historic transfer.

We enjoyed a "welcome" reception with smoked salmon pate' made from salmon smoked by Eddie Helms as we listened to Doc Slyter playing the flute. A special dinner menu was enjoyed by everyone and the celebration concluded with a raffle for Pendleton blankets, Three Rivers Casino & Hotel gift certificates, Gregory Point photos and gift certificates for children. Memorabilia was set up for viewing and enjoyed by all.

Special thanks to the Tribal Color Guard, Lynn Anderson and the Florence Inter-tribal Drummers and Es-



**Edgar Bowen and Esther Stutzman.**

ther Stutzman and Doc Slyter for the role they played in making our 24<sup>th</sup> Restoration a success. We would also like to thank our friends and staff members who shared in this celebration and the staff at Three Rivers Casino and Hotel for taking care of our needs.



## Words from the Desk of Chief Warren Brainard

Dear General Council,

I would like to thank you for selecting me as Chief of the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians. Many of you have known and worked with me over the years from the time I served as Chairman of the Tribes, or on one of the many committees I have served on. For those who do not know me, my name is Warren A. Brainard, and I am a member of the Coos Tribe. One of my first goals is to include past chiefs (Chiefs' Circle) and other knowledgeable Tribal members to contribute before the council votes on issues that will have long-term effects on all tribal members. If you would like to be a part of this group please email me at [wbrainard@ctclusi.org](mailto:wbrainard@ctclusi.org).

I have set up a website to make contacting me easy for everyone and to explain my positions and help tell the story of the projects and issues that we are working on. Please visit [www.chiefwarren.com](http://www.chiefwarren.com) to find out more.

I can see now I still have a lot of issues and positions to get up to speed on. I have many items I want to ac-

complish during my term. First and foremost I can see that I will need help from all of you to move the Tribes forward.

If the last 7 days are an indication of my role as Chief it looks like this position is going to keep me busy. Following is a narrative from my journal from the time I was notified of being selected your Chief.

### **Sunday November 9<sup>th</sup> 2008**

Manned our Honor Guard in the Springfield Veterans Day parade, dry! No rain lots of entries and a great turn out from Springfield and Eugene. Notified by Ron - I am Chief.

### **Monday November 10<sup>th</sup> 2008**

Contacted by Bob; can I start my duties immediately? Yes. Can I speak at a dedication of the casino's three new flagpoles? Yes.

### **Tuesday November 11<sup>th</sup> 2008**

Tuesday morning, Veterans' Day, I went to the Casino

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Coalition Planning Committee  
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- Tribal Investment Committee  
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### Regular Council Meeting

**Place:** Tribal Hall  
338 Wallace  
Coos Bay, OR

**Date:** December 14, 2008  
**Time:** 10 a.m.

#### Agenda:

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Invocation
- 3) Approval of Council meeting minutes
- 4) Old business
- 5) New business
- 6) Other
- 7) Good of the Tribes
- 8) Executive Session if needed

## Announcements

#### QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS?

The CLUSI Tribal Council welcomes your ideas, comments, criticisms, etc.

Please write to:

Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower  
Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians  
ATTN: Tribal Council  
1245 Fulton Ave.  
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#### COMMITTEE INTEREST LIST

If you are a Tribal member and interested in being on a committee, please contact Eileen King at 541-888-7506. We are currently keeping a list of those interested so that when a committee vacancy occurs we can fill it as soon as possible, so please contact us whether there is a vacancy or not.

**US FOREST SERVICE NORTHWEST FOREST PASSES** are now available at the Tribal Administration Building and the Florence and Springfield Outreach offices.

To receive one, you:

- Must be a CTCLUSI tribal member.
- Must be over 16.
- Cannot have been issued one of these passes within the last year.

The passes hang from the rear view mirror and are good for access to some Forest Service fee areas such as South Jetty Road in Florence.

#### CHANGES?

Please let us know if you have a change in address, telephone number, name, or addition to your family. Changes should be submitted to:

Eileen King, Council Secretary/Enrollment Coordinator, 1245 Fulton Avenue, Coos Bay, OR 97420, Phone: (541) 888-9577, Fax: (541) 888-2853

#### COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The following Committees currently have vacancies:

- Blue Earth Board
- Oregon Cultural Trust Tribal Cultural Coalition Planning Committee

\*If you are interested in joining one of these committees, please send a written request to The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians, ATTN: Tribal Council, 1245 Fulton Ave., Coos Bay, OR 97420.

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#### TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

If you would like to receive typed copies or audio tapes of the Tribal Council meeting minutes please send a written request, including your current address, to the Tribal Council Secretary, 1245 Fulton Avenue, Coos Bay, OR 97420.

**NATIVE AMERICAN RECOVERY** meetings are held each Monday evening from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Tribal Hall, 338 Wallace, Coos Bay.

#### CURRENT ADDRESSES

The Enrollment Department would like to request your assistance. If you know of an enrolled Tribal Member that is currently not receiving the Tribal Newsletter please ask them to contact the Enrollment Department. We have several Tribal Members that have no current address listed with the Tribes, therefore we aren't able to keep them informed of Tribal events and information.

#### NEWSPAPER NOTIFICATIONS

If you would like to be notified via e-mail when the most current Tribal newspaper has been linked to the home page of the Tribal website ([www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org)), please contact me so that I can add your e-mail address to the newspaper's e-mail notification distribution list: Jeannie Barton, 541-888-7536, [jbarton@ctclusi.org](mailto:jbarton@ctclusi.org).

#### UPCOMING ELDER EVENTS

**Elders Luncheon Meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in Three Rivers Casino & Hotel's buffet back room.

**Elders Christmas Party:** Wednesday, December 10, 2008, from 12-4 p.m. at Tribal Hall. Lodging will be provided for out of town guests. Dinner and a gift exchange. For more information watch the mail for flyers.

#### ATTENTION VETERANS AND VETERANS FAMILIES

Veterans we need your help! Native American Medal of Honor medallions are being awarded to a group of Veterans at the Salmon Ceremony each year. In an effort to honor all of our Tribal Veterans who served in the military we ask that you or your family members submit your name, address, military information including branch of military and dates of active service.

A list is being compiled in an effort to honor those from the oldest to the youngest. Mothers of Tribal Veterans need to also submit information so that they can be added to a list for the Mothers Medal that is given to the mother of a Tribal Veteran each Salmon Ceremony.

Please send your information to: Tribal Council Secretary, 1245 Fulton Avenue, Coos Bay, OR 97420.

#### TRIBAL COURT ADDS COURT FORMS TO WEB SITE

Small Claims Court forms have been added to the Tribal Court web site at [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org) in an effort to allow court users to follow procedure without the aid of an attorney. Information and procedural instructions are included with the forms.

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## Veteran's Day 2008

*On Veterans Day 2008, the CTCLUSI Honor Guard, consisting of Warren, Ron, Frank and Henry Brainard, raised the flags in a dedication ceremony of the new flagpoles at the Three Rivers Casino and Hotel. Tribal Members and Staff enjoyed the National Anthem, sung by Amy Clawson. Special remembrances were given by Bob Garcia, Chairman, to those who have given their all for their country.*



Henry (Skip) Brainard, Warren Brainard, Frank Brainard and Ron Brainard.

Submitted by  
Marjene Brainard



Lana, Tia, Elissa, Tenacia, Mia, Macayla Weathers.

*The rain held off Sunday, November 9, for the Springfield 2008 Veterans Day Parade. Hundreds watched the CTCLUSI Honor Guard, along with other tribal veterans from the Grand Ronde Tribe headed by Wes Weathers, march to their places in front of the reviewing stand where numerous motorcycle groups lined the street on both sides as the remaining entries passed by. Wes Weathers' granddaughters, attired in native dresses, sang the Nation Anthem for the enjoyment of the onlookers and dignitaries in attendance.*



## Current With Council

By MINDY ANDRESON

A season of change...for our nation, our state, and our Tribe. This past year has been very challenging for our Tribes and I look forward to 2009 and what great things are in store for us.

I believe newly-elected Chief Warren Brainard's vision and positive attitude toward improving services and resolving past issues will behoove all of us. With the situation our economy is in, we should all listen and ask questions when it comes to Tribal enterprises, including the Three Rivers Casino and Hotel.



Furthermore, how can one compare 2007 numbers to 2008?

Last year we were in an old casino with fewer machines, fewer employees, and fewer expenses. We will all need to watch closely as expenses increase and revenues flatten out.

As we continue to grow, I ask that you take the time to find out for yourselves the direction we are going. I have always been in support of programs and events that benefit tribal members and hope to continue that growth.

## Chief Brainard

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to dedicate the new poles and raise three new flags to honor our nation's veterans.

**Wednesday November 12<sup>th</sup> 2008**

69<sup>th</sup> Birthday. On Wednesday morning I worked in my office, and then drove to Florence for a "Government to Government" Summit.

**Thursday November 13<sup>th</sup> 2008**

Thursday morning, I was presented with a beautiful, hand-made Eagle Staff by Jay Minthorn, CIS Chairman, Commission on the Indian Services, Board of Trustees, Umatilla Tribes. As Chief, I accepted the staff on behalf of our three Tribes, with a promise to cherish, honor, and protect it. We will be forever reminded and grateful of their gift to us. We then brought in the Color Guard with our new Eagle Staff, leading the way: the United States flag, the State of Oregon flag, the POW flag, and all nine Tribal flags. We then listened to the reports of all the tribal leaders and Oregon government departments. Even Governor Kulon-goski, said it was a "long day". That evening we began our Elders gathering with dinner, followed by a discussion of what we are planning for the Elders Honor Day. It was a good meeting. Again, it was announced that I had won the election as Chief, and my acceptance of this honor.

**Friday November 14<sup>th</sup> 2008**

On Friday afternoon, I was back at my office, catching up with e-mails and other work that needed my attention. Note from Jeannie, Write Letter from new Chief for paper.

**Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup> 2008**

I need to be in Florence for a budget meeting. I would like to thank you again for selecting me as Chief. I have no doubt I will keep busy.

- Warren A. Brainard, Chief

## Community Center to be Constructed, Ready for Use by Next Summer

SUBMITTED BY LAURIE VOSHELL

On October 12, 2008, Tribal Council approved the architectural plans and drawings to expand the Three Rivers Learning Center located behind Tribal Hall. The plans will add an additional 2,300 square feet to the current building and that space will be used as a community center.

The new, larger building will hold about 450 seated occupants or about 250 people will be able to sit down and share a meal together. In the past, Tribal families have had to occupy both the Tribal Hall and the Learning Center because neither facility would hold everybody. Yet this summer, the whole group will be able to come together in the Community Center.

The drawing below demonstrates how the center will be functional and wide open or, you can close off

the room by using the room dividers. Also, skylights will be added to the new portion of the building providing natural light as well as plenty of light fixtures. New storage space will also be added.

This building is being funded by a \$500,000 grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Tribal members will have a facility where all members can come together for many events. The building should provide your Tribe with years of comfortable enjoyment with a myriad of uses. Congratulations on pulling this concept together.

Construction should begin by the end of January 2009 or the beginning of February 2009 depending on the weather. I'll be keeping you posted with progress reports and pictures. Watch for good things to happen!



For complete Chief election results visit [www.ctclusi.com](http://www.ctclusi.com).





Karen Nissan and Robert Kentta.



Sue Olson demonstrates.

# Artists take part in 'Art on Ceremony' exhibit

Tribal Members Sue Olson, Gloria Dowdy, and Karen Nissan participated in the "Art on Ceremony - Regalia of Native Oregon Exhibit" demonstration. They worked on their own regalia projects, interacted with the public, and shared their knowledge of traditional beading. The following article was published in the *Statesman Journal* by Danielle Peterson.

November 3, 2008 / **Section:** Mid-Valley

## Artist demonstrates bead work

BY DANIELLE PETERSON, STATESMAN JOURNAL

Normally, Sue Olson wouldn't hesitate to talk about the intricate bead work she crafts and the cultural history behind it, but Sunday, her voice failed her.

Olson, a member of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, was a demonstrating artist at "The Art of Ceremony: Regalia of Native Oregon." The exhibit runs through January at the Hallie Ford Museum of Art.

Despite laryngitis, the self-taught artist shared her craft Sunday afternoon.

"I feel so bad that I can't talk more," Olson said in a whisper. "I was here yesterday and talked so much my voice just got lost."

When she began researching the history of her tribe a few years ago, she uncovered black-and-white photographs that featured Coos women wearing beaded collars.

"I decided I would figure out how to make one, so that I could wear it in honor of my ancestors," Olson said.



Gloria Dowdy.

In the past two years, she has made 10 beaded collars and has taught other members of the coastal tribe the art as well, she said. Each intricate collar takes about three weeks to create.

She likens the process to that of basket weaving. She imagines that's how her ancestors made them.

The exhibit features historic and contemporary ceremonial regalia from and selected by Oregon's nine federally recognized tribal communities.

"We've done many exhibitions featuring Native American art, but nothing this ambitious has ever been done that involved all nine tribes and involved ceremonial regalia," curator Rebecca Dobkins said.

Since the exhibit opened in September, Dobkins

said, the response has been incredible. She said thousands of people have come through so far, many with detailed questions for the artists.

"The tribal members and artists have attended in great numbers and have been understandably and reasonably very proud of their contributions," Dobkins said.

Robert Kentta, the cultural resource director for the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, displayed traditional bear grass braiding, an art he has practiced for about 10 years.

Kentta, who learned to basket weave from elder tribal women, said some of his work has a more contemporary spin.

A lot of time goes into gathering the right materials for the project. The bear grass he uses is collected in the summer from a 4,000-foot elevation region in the Cascades, he said. It's then laid out in the sun to bleach for about three weeks.

"This exhibit is kind of a whole new thing for us — sharing things that are personal to us," he said. "Not just showing our things but dealing with the public and showing what it takes to make this regalia. It's triggered a lot of really interesting discussion."

If you go

WHAT: "The Art of Ceremony: Regalia of Native Oregon"

WHEN: Through Jan. 19. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5

p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays

WHERE: Hallie Ford Museum of Art, Willamette University, 700 State St., Salem

COST: \$3, \$2 ages 60 and older and students; free on Tuesdays, free ages younger than 12.

CALL: (503) 370-6855.



## Jennifer Barrett Earns Degree in Quick Fashion at University of Oregon

BY JEANNIE BARTON

Jennifer Barrett, a student at the University of Oregon, graduated in just 4 years plus one term with her Bachelors of Science from the College of Education in Family and Human Services.

Initially concentrating on Business Administration, she then transferred to undecided. She applied for the Family and Human Services Program in the middle of her junior year, usually a two year or six term program. She had all general education requirements finished and wanted to get through school quickly. Jennifer

made a proposal to the faculty of the department asking for an exception to speed through the program in just 4 terms. She doesn't know how she managed with all the chaos but she completed the program.

Most of her professors and advisors said that only Jennifer and her close friend Heather could pull off such a grueling schedule. It took unbelievable determination and dedication.

Jennifer said, "I couldn't have done it without the support of Heather and the faculty."



Saturday the experience was simply amazing; plank splitting in this form is a lot of hard work and is truly an art form. It teaches much more than is apparent at first, splitting planks from our sacred Cedar trees teaches us more than how to simply harvest planks. It teaches patience, determination, and teamwork. You need a team to accomplish this task not only because it is hard work and you get worn out but also to sight down the log looking for cracks, places to place wedges, and progress. If anyone is down on the Reservation, go to the west side of the Tribal Hall and check out what we have done; the planks are truly impressive. Right now we are scheduling a day to make some more wedges.





Beaver Bowen, Esther Stutzman and Edgar Bowen.

## Families Celebrating Restoration



Paula Anderson, Earla Kirk and Eliese Swigert



The Kneaper family - Brad, Sue, Jason, Amanda and Ashleigh.



Ernie Lott and grandchildren Shasta, Tanner, Angel and Noah.

## Elders Gather at Three Rivers Casino

By SARAH BLOUNT AND ELAINE WILLIAMS

WOW! Those Elders know how to have fun. On November 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 61 elders, spouses and widows from throughout the state gathered together for dinner and an overnight stay at the Three Rivers Casino & Hotel. The overnight gathering was held three times this year, and will continue next year as one of the most popular of the Elder's activities.

The new Chief Warren Brainard was presented to the group, and the Elders held a meeting to plan their activities for next year. They will continue to have events such as the Elders Gatherings, Men's Fishing Trip, and Women's Retreat. Other events will also be discussed at the next Elders Gathering to be held in February, 2009.

The Elders Committee has also been established consisting of seven members including: George Barton, Committee Chair, John Perry, Vice-Chair, Jim Kneaper, Linn McNutt, Doc Slyter, Ernie Lott, and Arleen Perkins.



George Barton speaks to the gathering.

The Elders are also planning for their Elders Honor Day which will be held March 20 and 21, 2009. The event will be co-hosted by the CTCLUSI and Coquille Elders programs, and for the first time will be held at Three Rivers Casino & Hotel.

There were flu shots available and Sarah Blount, Intern for the Health Services Division and Health Committee Chair, gave a report to the group about community health, plans for health education and also an update on the Tribal Health Board.

## Upcoming Events

**Dec. 3 - Elders Lunch Meeting:** 11:30 p.m. at Three Rivers Casino. RSVP Florence Outreach Office (541) 997-9985

**Dec. 6 - Canoe crew activity:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Contact Jesse Beers, 541-297-0748.

**Dec. 10 - Elders Christmas Party:** 12-4 p.m. at Tribal Hall in Coos Bay. RSVP Florence Outreach Office (541) 997-9985

**Dec. 13 - Beading & Basketry:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Tribal Hall.

**Dec. 18 - Cultural Committee Workshop:** 10 a.m. at Tribal Hall.

**Dec. 19 or 20 - Tribal Member Christmas Dinner:** 6-9 p.m. RSVP Jan Lawrence (541) 888-7538

**Dec. 21 - Solstice Ceremony:** 5 p.m. at the Plank House in Coos Bay. Contact Jesse Beers, 541-297-0748.



# The People of the Lighthouse Village

SUBMITTED BY PATRICIA WHEREAT PHILLIPS

Now that Chief's Island has been returned to the ownership of the tribes, I thought I would write what little is known about the people who once lived there. From what limited archaeological research has been done there, it seems that Gregory Point was occupied from about 500 AD until the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. Apparently they used Sunset Bay as a landing for their canoes, and walked a short trail up to the village.<sup>1</sup>

It was one of the Milluk speaking villages, and tradition has it that the headman of the village lived on the island. The name of the village was Baldich (pronounced like BALL-ditch) and the root of the word is the same as the root of the word for 'ocean' in Hanis and Milluk (*baldimis*).<sup>2</sup> Lottie Evanoff said that the Baldich villagers did not travel as much as people from other villages, that they tended to keep to themselves.<sup>3</sup> Many Hanis, and some South Slough Milluk, had upriver fishing sites on the upper forks of Coos River, and would sometimes hunt deer and elk in the surrounding hills. But the Baldich people were able to get much of their food locally – hunting seals and sea lions, as well as shell fish, rock fish and salmon. Doubtless, salal and black huckleberry were common on Cape Arago then as now. There used to be a camas patch near Cape Arago.<sup>4</sup>

There is one myth that comes down to us that is set at Gregory Point. It is "The rock point person lost his good luck thing", the first story in Jacobs' *Coos Myth Texts*. A poor man fishes from the rocks near the point, and one day catches a talking fish which becomes his *tlxinax*, his good luck power. He becomes wealthy, but then loses his luck and wealth when he gives in to his wife's requests to ask the fish for an exorbitant amount of goods.

Annie Peterson said Coos Bay Indians would make a sport of riding breakers and waves in small canoes – not entirely unlike a local version of surfing. This sport was especially popular with the Baldich people, and they played it at Sunset Bay.<sup>5</sup> She also called the lighthouse villagers *baldiya k'a*, meaning ocean shore people; *baldiya* meaning ocean-shore, and *k'a* is Milluk for person or people (although this term could be used for any coastal-dwelling people, not exclusively the people of Baldich village).

The occupation of Baldich came to an abrupt and tragic end some time in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. Rogue River Indians attacked and killed all of the Baldich people, except for one daughter of the lighthouse chief and her child, who happened to be visiting relatives on the Coquille River at the time of the attack (Harrington). Unfortunately, no one ever mentioned why the Indians from Rogue River would utterly destroy the Baldich village. Not even a hint as to possible motives. A feud? Accusations of betrayal or witchcraft? A rejected suitor? We do not know. I have long thought it



A picture of Chief's Island.

odd that Lottie Evanoff, Annie Peterson, Jim Buchanan and others were so reticent on that particular subject. Perhaps their elders did not wish to speak of such a painful subject, and so the story was lost in a generation. Now we shall never know.

Annie Peterson did talk a bit about massacred villages in general. She told a story that she said was long ago history, "The People Who were Killed Up the Bay" (see *Coos Narrative and Ethnologic Texts*, page 35-38). It was not about the lighthouse village, but about a Hanis village somewhere upriver. It is of interest as it is one of the few mentions of this kind of intertribal warfare. In this story, because the daughter of the village chief refused to marry a spurned suitor plotted to massacre the village. The daughter was clever; but when saw spies and, Cassandra-like, warned her village of immanent attack she was ignored. She hid her baby brother shortly before she was kidnapped by the enemy and survived the massacre. Soon she escaped, rescued her infant brother, and married another chief who pledged to avenge her. Her new husband's people mount a successful attack and the young woman is thus avenged. (In an interesting aside, her husband's people use a method rather reminiscent of a "Trojan canoe" – they approach the enemy village in a canoe disguised as a whale). Annie's comment on the story was:

*It is only a chief who is thus offended and who can get his village people to go out and attack thus. Even women of his village go along, but keep out as the fighting commences. Rarely do they rush in at daytime, they usually rush in when the sleepers are most stupid with sleep. They kill everybody, unless they keep a girl or two they want, and burn the village. No one touches the village, or approaches it, for ten years... Not until then will a survivor or anyone go there and*

*step there for ten years, under penalty of death. Only a survivor may step there without suffering the death penalty. They watch it and let only a survivor, one who belongs there, return to it, after the 10 year limit.*<sup>6</sup>

Here then, could possibly be one reason the old time Indians said little about the fate of Baldich village – after the massacre, it became a taboo place for many years.

Within ten years of white settlement of Coos Bay, the first of three lighthouses were constructed on chief's island. For a time also, on a beach below the island cliffs there was a Coast Guard Lifesaving station. The third and current lighthouse will not last due to the powerful forces of erosion.

Since then, tribal members been drawn to this beautiful place. Since 1950, tribal members have erected memorial tombstones to relatives there, and have held memorial services. For many years, it has also been the site of the annual Salmon Ceremony and is still visited for returning fish bones to the water and for dances.

It was the site of a tragedy some two hundred years ago. Today it is a draw to tribal members, a place of beauty and remembrance.

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## Tribal Clothes Closet open on Thursdays

SUBMITTED BY BILLIE LEWIS

The Tribal Clothes Closet is located in Three Rivers Learning Center and has many things to choose from for children and adults. There are no income qualifications for Tribal members and their families to access this resource.



It is open every Thursday from 2-4 p.m.

All the clothes are cleaned and mended if necessary. If you are unable to visit on Thursdays please call Billie Lewis at 751-1638 or Arleen Perkins at 888-5266 to make arrangements for another time.

Donations are welcomed, including blankets and sheets.

We thank you for your support in providing this vital service to our Tribal families.

## This Month In History

**2004:** Tibes go from being a 638 Compacting Tribe to a Title V Compacting Tribe, allowing the Tribes to Determine how the Indian Health Services funds are best spent.

**2003:** Ground-breaking ceremony was held for Three Rivers Casino

**2002:** Tribal artifacts are donated to the Tribes by Molly Dusenbery, whose family had passed them from generation to generation over the years prior.

**1991:** Tribal artifacts are donated to the Tribes by Ted Ellingsen, a retired Coos County Forester.



## Tribal Dental Clinic fully staffed, open for patient care

The Tribal Dental Clinic is now fully staffed and open for patient care. Dr. Mike Rose and Dental Hygienist Patty Peyton are available for patient care five days per week. Dr. Robert Macy is available one day per week.

All children should go to the dentist at least twice per year. Babies should start seeing the dentist from age 6 months or soon after the eruption of their first tooth.

All persons who are members of federally recognized tribes are eligible to access care in the Tribal Dental Clinic at no cost for all treatment within the clinic.

Patients may be responsible for lab fees on for procedures that require lab work, such as crowns or dentures. Insurance will be billed if it is available.

Clinic hours are Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please call us for an appointment at (541)888-6433.

## New Peacegiving Court Outreach Coordinator begins work

BY JEANNIE BARTON

Andy Osborn began work on November 8, 2008, as the new Outreach Coordinator for the Peacegiving Court. When interviewing Andy he stated, "I have spent the past 11 years in law enforcement, including the City of Coos Bay Police Depart, Coquille Indian Tribal Police and as a US Department of State Law Enforcement Adviser. I am honored to accept this position and very pleased and excited to be back working with the Native American Community. This is a tremendous opportunity for me to help the Tribal Membership in resolving disputes and utilizing the full potential of Peacegiving Court."



An important aspect of the Peacegiving Court is the reality that those who violate tribal laws are most likely to redeem themselves in the wrongdoing (a requirement for participation in the Peacegiving Court), and those in authority take the initiative of treating the offender with respect and generosity. The Peacegiving Court emphasizes probation, diversion and alternative sentencing. A key concept behind the Peacegiving Court is that the Tribe, and its justice system, doesn't compel anyone to do anything. Instead, specific conditions to remedy the situation, defined collaboratively, focus on bringing justice to the victim, the offender and the community.

Andy further stated his position is to promote and educate Tribal Members and other entities in the community. He will be working with the Coquille Coordinator as well.

Andy emphasized, "This is a wonderful program that will provide lasting restoration."

## RESOLUTIONS

### Resolution # 08-094

Date Passed: 11-09-08  
Subject: Enrollment of New Members (2)

### Resolution # 08-095

Date Passed: 10-29-08  
Subject: Legal Services Agreement (Michael Taylor)  
Explanation: An agreement for Legal Services for the Tribal Council

### Resolution # 08-097

Date Passed: 10-29-08  
Subject: Budget Transfer to provide For Equipment Replacement in the Tribal Dental Clinic  
Explanation: Replacement of the Ultraclave Unit in the Tribal Dental Clinic was not anticipated in the drafting and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2008 Annual Tribal Budget.

## ENROLLMENT

Sailee Starr Baldwin-Garcia  
DO: Jane June Seuss Siestrem  
Tribe: Coos

Riley Michael Robert Barrett  
DO: Frank Lawrence Barrett  
Tribe: Siuslaw

Wyatt James Barrett  
DO: Frank Lawrence Barrett  
Tribe: Siuslaw

Kayla Noel Budd  
DO: Jane Jordan Boutin  
Tribe: Coos

Kendra Tamar Budd  
DO: Jane Jordan Boutin  
Tribe: Coos

Lyndsay Rae Carroll  
DO: Rosabelle Rankin  
Tribe: Lower Umpqua

Chadd John Christopher Holtz  
DO: Etta Carlson  
Tribe: Coos

Paxten Ridley Kolb  
DO: William Perry  
Tribe: Lower Umpqua

Daniel James Schmidt  
DO: Mae Spencer  
Tribe: Coos

Isabel Cyan Helms Vielma  
DO: Ida Wages Gwinn  
Tribe: Coos

Peyton James Wight  
DO: June Harper  
Tribe: Lower Umpqua

Garrett Ashton Willenberg  
DO: Shirley Kneaper Smith  
Tribe: Siuslaw

### NAME CHANGES

Stacey Elyse Anderson  
Change to Stacey Elyse Kolb  
Documentation: Marriage Certificate

Teresa Ann Beers  
Change to Teresa Ann Spangler  
Documentation: Marriage Certificate

Carinda Joan Hall  
Change to Carinda Joan Washburn  
Documentation: Official Name Change

Nehemiah Xavier Hall  
Change to Nehemiah Xavier Washburn  
Documentation: Official Name Change

Rhianna Marie Hughes  
Change to Rhianna Marie Wisdom  
Documentation: Marriage Certificate

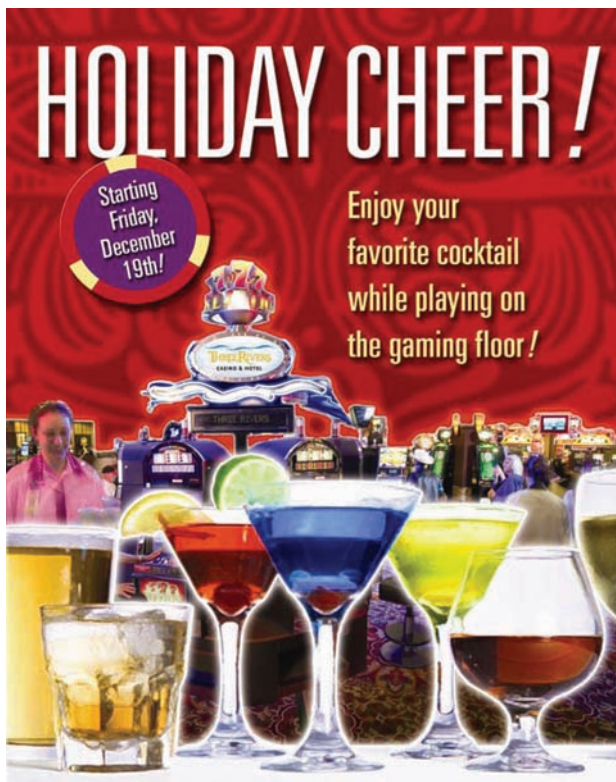
Natalie Christine Jacobson  
Change to Natalie Christine Waters  
Documentation: Marriage Certificate

Jason Jeremy Lott  
Change to Jason Jeremy Wile  
Documentation: Official Name Change

Dianna Laurie Warrick  
Change to Dianna Laurie Plaep  
Documentation: Marriage Certificate

### ACTIVE TO HISTORIC

Robert Loren Barrett, Sr.  
DOD: July 26, 2008



## THREE RIVERS CASINO & HOTEL

Mike Rose, COO of the Three Rivers Casino & Hotel announced two new exciting guest experiences beginning December 19, 2008. We will be opening a new non smoking slot room. The room is designed to hold up to 50 new slot machines which will give players a total of 700 machines to choose from. In addition, we will be offering alcohol service on the entire gaming floor. With the new services comes new specialized training for our team members. The Oregon Liquor Control Commission and the Oregon Restaurant Association are in the midst of a casino wide training program to ensure the most enhanced and responsible guest service.

If I am not able to see you before Christmas have a great Holiday Season!  
Steph

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